
Introduced by Senator Huff

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Senate Resolution No. 72—Relative to Food Allergy Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, As many as 15 million people in the United States
2 have a food allergy; and
3 WHEREAS, Research indicates the prevalence of food allergies
4 is increasing among children. Nearly six million children under
5 18 years of age have a food allergy; and
6 WHEREAS, The eight foods that cause the majority of all food
7 allergy reactions in the United States are shellfish, fish, milk, eggs,
8 tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat; and
9 WHEREAS, Symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can include
10 hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the
11 throat; and
12 WHEREAS, Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is
13 rapid in onset and may cause death; and
14 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
15 Prevention, food allergies result in more than 200,000 ambulatory
16 care visits a year involving children under 18 years of age.
17 Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a
18 food containing an ingredient to which he or she is allergic; and
19 WHEREAS, There is no cure for a food allergy, and scientists
20 do not understand why that is. Strict avoidance of the offending
21 food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and
22 WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE) is
23 a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the
24 quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies and

1 to providing them with hope through the promise of new
2 treatments; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That May 8*
4 *to 14, 2016, is hereby proclaimed Food Allergy Awareness Week;*
5 *and be it further*

6 *Resolved, That the Senate of the State of California encourages*
7 *the residents of this state to increase their understanding and*
8 *awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis by visiting*
9 *www.foodallergyweek.org; and be it further*

10 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*
11 *this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*